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SUBJECT: UK REQUEST THAT ALLIES MAKE HIGH-LEVEL
DEMARCHE TO SOVIETS TO SECURE HESS' RELEASE

REF: BONN 4038

1. DEPARTMENT SHARES EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT THAT SOVIETS
WILL BE UNLIKELY TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO APPROACHES BY
THE ALLIES TO FREE HESS (PARA 5 OF REFTEL). WE ALSO
AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP THE
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QUESTION BEFORE THE SOVIETS TO MAKE OUR POSITION CLEAR
TO THEM AND TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO OUR REPLIES TO
INQUIRIES FROM THE PUBLI-. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE
AUTHORIZED TO INFORM BRITISH AND FRENCH BONN GROUP
REPRESENTATIVES THAT WE ARE WILLING TO JOIN IN THE
APPROACH REQUESTED BY THE BRITISH.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE APPROACHES SHOULD TAKE PLACE AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE IN CAPITALS. IN WASHINGTON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY VEST WOULD PLAN TO CALL IN AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN.
GIVEN THEIR GREATER INTEREST IN THE QUESTION, IT WOULD
NOT BE INAPPROPRIATE IF THE BRITISH MADE THE APPROACH AT
A HIGHER LEVEL. VANCE

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